

SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR SENSING AN ACOUSTIC SIGNAL USING
MICROELECTROMECHANICAL SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 An acoustic system has an acoustic sensor and a processing circuit. The acoustic
sensor includes a base, a microphone having a microphone diaphragm supported by the
base, and a hot-wire anemometer having a set of hot-wire extending members supported
by the base. The set of hot-wire extending members defines a plane which is
substantially parallel to the microphone diaphragm. The processing circuit receives a
10 sound and wind pressure signal from the microphone and a wind velocity signal from
the hot-wire anemometer, and provides an output signal based on the sound and wind
pressure signal from the microphone and the wind velocity signal from the hot-wire
anemometer (e.g., accurate sound with wind noise removed). The configuration of the
hot-wire extending members defining a plane which is substantially parallel to the
15 microphone diaphragm can be easily implemented in a MEMS device making the
configuration suitable for miniaturized applications.